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Sound Tactics and Favorable Weather Puts a Damper on Fire

Cedar City, UT - Windy forecasts never came to fruition as calm weather helped firefighters contain 5% of the Hicks Creek Fire yesterday. Crews made significant progress on the northern portion of the fire. With this area of the fire wrapped, residents to the north can sleep easier at night knowing the threat posed to them is subsiding.

5% containment does not necessarily mean that the other 95% of the fire is burning uncontrolled. In a tactical move, firefighters seized the favorable weather conditions and put boots on the ground for a preliminary sweep around major portions of the fire's perimeter. This initial sweep was intended to hit hot spots before they had a chance to gather strength. This reduced the overall intensity of the fire and limited its spread. Though these portions of the line are not deemed "contained" evidence of the effectiveness of this work could be witnessed in the lack of smoke that appeared in the skies and the fact that fire only grew 7 acres since the last report.

Last evening's cool and calm weather helped to further quell the strength of the fire. Temperatures are expected to stay relatively low which will assist in the suppression efforts. Hotshot crews, engines, helicopters, and retardant drops will continue to hit the Hicks Creek Fire.

A public meeting will be held to discuss the fire and answer questions.

Thursday 20th at 7:30pm in the Cedar City Stake Center. 155 E 400 S

Acres: 1,111

Containment: 5%

Total Personnel: 350

Closures: Roads above Shurtz/Shirts Creek. Southern View mountain bike trailhead is closed but fire crews will allow bikers access to the path as long as they park a distance away from the entrance.

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